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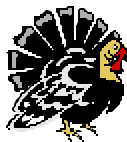
NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was barely steady to weak. Demand was very light with no sales reported. Offerings are heavy for the current market. Bulk parts and meats trading is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate with demand mixed.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on thigh meat and tom drums with small volumes of mechanically separated turkey and tails, balance of items was slow. Supplies were moderate to at time burdensome, with a light demand.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JANUARY 06, 2005**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JANUARY 07, 2005**

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JAN 07, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	66.00	74.00 **	65.00
CENTRAL REGION	69.00	75.00 **	64.50
WESTERN REGION	71.40 **	76.00 **	62.90 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	64.20 **	67.00 **	58.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	64.00	67.00 **	57.50 **
WESTERN REGION	65.00 **	68.00 **	59.00 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	76-81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	68-78
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-74

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	98-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	98-122

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 10-DEC-2004

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	84.37	107,000
16-24 lbs.	82.00	20,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume:	142,000
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TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 01-Jan-2005 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
		<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
		<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>
North East	577	4	22.01	(A)	580
South Atlantic	399	23	37.92	(A)	401
North Central	1,465	10	34.25	(A)	1,467
South Central	376	-4	23.01	(A)	378
West	240	11	24.47	(A)	242
U.S. total	3,057(B)	8	30.26	11	3,068
To-date					
2004	223,747(B)			364	224,111
To-date					
2003	242,388(B)			611	242,999

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 22,000; for the current year to date 2,569,000; for last year to date 3,138,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

November	429,899*
December 1-31, 2004	403,885*

To date 2004	5,043,075*
To date 2003	5,375,475*

*Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 01-Jan-2005

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>				
Head	1,157	1,878	22	11	3,068
Avg Wt	16.28	38.94	25.36	27.95	30.26
Last week	1,180	1,628	10	0	2,818
Same wk yr ago	1,347	1,786	17	13	3,163
Avg Wt	15.51	37.67	25.16	30.23	27.99
To-date/2004	89,574	131,604	2,569	364	224,111
To-date/2003	98,202	141,048	3,138	611	242,999

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 06 DECEMBER 2004.

The market tone on tom 2-joint wings was mixed ranging from instances barely steady to fully steady, mostly steady to fully steady. The market tone on the balance of tom bulk parts was steady to barely steady. Demand light with most buyers purchasing product as needed. Offerings of tom 2-joint wings ranged from light to instances fully adequate, balance of tom bulk parts adequate to instances ample. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to instances barely steady and mechanically separated turkey about steady. Demand light for the at least adequate offerings. Trading centered on a moderated volume of fresh white meat, balance slow. For domestic: Fresh -20% mechanically separated turkey contract 19-20 delivered for 2005 shipments, livers 21.50 pet foods, fresh tom full-cut wings 46.50, Grade A non-basted 8-10 lb. breasts 103 cents delivered. For export: livers 22, fresh thigh meat 90 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	94.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	136.92	12
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	89.00		89.00	11
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	40.00		40.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	43.00-49.00		45.44	90
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	56.00		56.00	32
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	96.00		96.00	6
NECKS, TOM	27.00-29.00		27.30	20
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	181.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	195.00		195.00	250
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	90.67	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		F	119.00	20
TENDERLOINS		W	167.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	167.00		167.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	186.00		186.00	294
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	98.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	19.00		19.00	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00-40.00		39.43	92
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	23.00		23.00	18
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.50		19.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	80.00-86.00		81.74	156

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins was steady to weak, balance of white meat steady to barely steady. Demand very light to instances moderate with truck load interest often noted at lower trending price levels. Offerings uneven with tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins the most available and held in the least confident hands. The market tone on tom 2-joint wings ranged from barely steady to fully steady, mostly steady to fully steady. The market tone on the balance of tom bulk parts was steady to instances weak with drums and full-cut wings in the softest positions. Demand light for the adequate to instances burdensome offerings. Trading was moderate on frozen destrapped tenderloins and fresh mechanically separated turkey (MST) for domestic shipments and also on frozen thigh meat for export, balance slow. For domestic: fresh scapula 122-123, fresh breast trim 143.75 cents delivered. For export: fresh MST 18, fresh tom drums 38, frozen thigh trim 53.50 and -30% thigh trim 37, fresh thigh meat 90 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOLUME
		1/	PRICE		PRICE	(000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	94.00	200	94.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	136.92	12	136.92	12
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	89.00	11	89.00	11
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	38.00-39.00		38.67	120	39.04	166
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	39.00		39.00	40	39.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	38.00		38.00	40	38.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	48.00		48.00	30	47.60	250
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	57.00		57.00	39	55.54	286
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	99.00		99.00	12	96.62	58
NECKS, TOM	26.00-28.00		26.40	50	26.85	82
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	181.00		181.00	40	181.00	60
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		R	195.00	250	195.69	290
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	90.67	120	90.67	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT	136.00-139.00		138.73	44	138.73	44
SCAPULA MEAT		F	119.00	20		
TENDERLOINS		W	167.00	80	167.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	167.00-169.00		167.90	400	168.50	560
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	98.00	20		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	185.50-188.00		186.77	31	186.83	365
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00-18.50		18.17	60	18.17	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	17.00-19.00		17.89	230	18.46	550
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	37.00-38.50		37.75	80	38.84	372
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	21.00		21.00	120	21.26	138
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	40	19.75	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	84.50-86.00		85.06	320	84.05	516

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